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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Information Collection: Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf for Minerals

Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur; Proposed Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request

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AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-day notice.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations covered under Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf for Minerals Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur.

DATES: Submit written comments by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Please send your comments on this ICR to the BOEM Information Collection Clearance Officer, Anna Atkinson, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,

45600 Woodland Road, VAM-DIR, Sterling, Virginia 20166 (mail); or
anna.atkinson@boem.gov(email); or 703-787-1209 (fax). Please reference ICR 1010-
0081 in your comment and include your name and return address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain information pertaining to
this notice, contact Anna Atkinson at (703) 787-1025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 1010-0081.

Title: 30 CFR 582, Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf for Minerals Other than
Oil, Gas, and Sulphur.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1334 and 43 U.S.C.
1337(k)(1)) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations to grant to
qualified persons, offering the highest cash bonus on a basis of competitive bidding,
leases of any mineral other than oil, gas, and sulphur in any area of the outer Continental
Shelf not then under lease for such mineral upon such royalty, rental, and other terms and
conditions as the Secretary may prescribe at the time of offering the area for lease.

Regulations at 30 CFR part 582 carry out these statutory requirements by governing
mining operations within the OCS for minerals other than oil, gas, and sulphur and
establishing a comprehensive regulatory program for such minerals.

There has been no competitive leasing activity in the OCS for minerals other than oil,
gas, and sulphur for many years, and so BOEM has not generally collected information
under this Part of its regulations. However, since these are regulatory requirements, the
potential exists for information to be collected. Therefore, we are renewing OMB

approval for this information collection.

We will use the information required by 30 CFR part 582 to determine if lessees are complying with the regulations for mining minerals other than oil, gas, and sulphur.

BOEM will also use the information to ensure that such operations are conducted in a manner that will result in orderly resource recovery, development, and the protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments and for technical and environmental evaluations which provide a basis for BOEM to make informed decisions to approve, disapprove, or require modification of the proposed activities.

We protect proprietary information according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Department's implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), 30 CFR 582.5 and 582.6, and applicable sections of 30 CFR parts 580 and 581. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

Frequency: Monthly; quarterly; on occasion.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: As there are no active respondents, we estimated the potential annual number of respondents to be one. Potential respondents are OCS lessees.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: We expect the burden estimate for the renewal will be 212 hours. The following table details the individual BOEM components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

BURDEN TABLE

Citation 30 CFR 582	Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirement	Hour Burden	Average No. of Annual Responses	Annual Burden Hours
Subpart A - General				
4; 21(b)	Governors, other Federal/State agencies, lessees, interested parties, and others review and provide comments/recommendations on all plans and environmental information.	10	1	10
4(b); 12(b)(2); 21; 22; 25; 26; 28	Submit delineation plan, including environmental information, contingency plan, monitoring program, and various requests for approval referred to throughout; submit modifications and required information.	40	1	40
4(c); 12(c)(2); 21; 23; 25; 26; 28	Submit testing plan, including environmental information, contingency plan, monitoring program, and various requests for approval referred to throughout; submit modifications and required information.	40	1	40
4(d); 12(d)(2); 21; 24; 25; 26; 28	Submit mining plan, including environmental information, contingency plan, monitoring program, and various requests for approval referred to throughout; submit modifications and required information.	40	1	40
5	Request non-disclosure of G&G info; provide consent; demonstrate loss of competitive position.	10	1	10
6	Governors of adjacent States request proprietary data, samples, etc., and disclosure agreement with BOEM.	10	1	10
7	Governor of affected State initiates negotiations on jurisdictional controversy, etc., and enters agreement with BOEM.	10	1	10
Subtotal			7 Responses	160 Hours
Subpart B – Jurisdiction and Responsibilities of Director				
11(c); 20(h); 30	Apply for right-of-use and easement; submit confirmations, demonstrations, and notifications.	30	1	30
11(d);	Request consolidation/splitting of two or more OCS mineral leases or portions.	1	1	1
20(h)	Request approval of operations or departure from operating requirements.	Burden included with applicable plans.		0
14	Submit response copy of form BOEM-1832 indicating date violations (INCs) corrected.	2	1	2
Subtotal			3 Responses	33 Hours
Subpart C – Obligations and Responsibilities of Lessees				
20(a), (g); 29(i)	Make available all mineral resource or environmental data and information; submit reports and maintain records, as specified.	Burden included with individual reporting requirements below.		0
20(b) thru (e)	Submit designation of payor, operator, or local representative; submit changes, terminations, notifications.	1	1	1
21(d)	Notify BOEM of preliminary activities.	1	1	1

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29(a)	Submit monthly report of minerals produced; request extension.	1	1	1
29(b), (c)	Submit quarterly status and final report on exploration and/or testing activities.	5	1	5
29(d)	Submit results of environmental monitoring activities.	5	1	5
29(e)	Submit marked and certified maps annually or as required.	1	1	1
29(f)	Maintain rock, minerals, and core samples for 5 years and make available upon request.	1	1	1
29(g)	Maintain original data and information and navigation tapes as long as lease is in effect and make available upon request.	1	1	1
29(h)	Maintain hard mineral records and make available upon request.	1	1	1
Subtotal			9 Responses	17 Hours
Subpart D - Payments				
40	Submit surety, personal bond, or approved alternative.	2	1 Response	2 Hours
Subpart E - Appeals				
50; 15	File an appeal.	Burden exempt under 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(2), (c).		0
TOTAL BURDEN			20 Responses	212 Hours

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: There are no non-hour cost burdens associated with this collection.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency “. . . to provide notice . . . and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information . . .”.

Agencies must specifically solicit comments on: (a) whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical

utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on respondents.

Agencies must also estimate the non-hour cost burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup costs or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service costs. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (a) before October 1, 1995; (b) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (c) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (d) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

Public Availability of Comments: Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold such information, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

The authorities for this action are the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1334 and 43 U.S.C. 1337(k)(1)), and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*).

Dated: April 11, 2017.

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Chief,
Office of Policy, Regulations, and Analysis.

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